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SUBJECT: FIRST DAY OF VISIT OF PORTUGUESE PRIME MINISTER TO
AUSTRIA

1. PRIME MINISTER AZEVEDO OF PORTUGAL, ACCOMPANIED BY
FOREIGN MINISTER ANTUNES, BEGAN THREE-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO
AUSTRIA APRIL 5. OTHER MEMBERS OF AZEVEDO PARTY INCLUDE
MFA SECRETARY GENERAL BREYNER ANDRESEN, POLITICAL AFFAIRS
DIRECTOR MAGALHAES CRUZ, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS DIRECTOR
OLIVEIRA PEQUITO AND PRIME MINISTER'S CHEF DE CABINET
FERNANDES MORGADO. PROGRAM FOR FIRST DAY CONSISTED OF
COURTESY CALL ON PRESIDENT KIRSCHLAEGER, LUNCHEON HOSTED
BY PRESIDENT AND HIS WIFE, CONVERSATIONS WITH
CHANCELLOR KREISKY IN WHICH AUSTRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER,
MINISTER FOR FOREIGN TRADE, AND STATE SECRETARY FOR
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ECONOMIC AFFAIRS PARTICIPATED, AND DINNER HOSTED BY

CHANCELLOR.

2. FOLLIWNG BILATERAL WITH AZEVEDO, KREISKY TOLD REPORTERS THAT AUSTRIA HOPED TO HELP PORTUGAL ECONOMICALLY, NOTABLY WITH RESPECT TO DEVELOPMENT OF PORTUGUESE HEAVY INDUSTRY AND TOURIST TRADE. AZEVEDO TOLD HIS HOSTS, ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS, THAT PORTUGUESE CONSIDERED AUSTRIA ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL MODEL FOR THEIR COUNTRY, ESPECIALLY WITH RESPECT TO AUSTRIA'S STATE-OWNED INDUSTRIES, ITS REMARKABLY STABLE SYSTEM OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS, AND ITS NEUTRALITY. AZEVEDO ALSO SAID HE WAS CONVINCED THAT PORTUGUESE WOULD MAKE DECISION FOR DEMOCRACY IN THEIR FORTHCOMING ELECTIONS.

3. VISIT RECEIVING GOOD MEDIA COVERAGE WITH AUSTRIAN RADIO-TV AND SOCIALIST PRESS STRESSING AZEVEDO'S OBSERVATIONS CONCERNING AUSTRIA AS POLITICO-ECONOMIC MODEL FOR PORTUGAL.

4. ON APRIL 6, AZEVEDO SCHEDULED VISIT AUSTRIAN STEEL MILLS AND OTHER INDUSTRIES IN LINZ AREA BEFORE RETURNING TO VIENNA FOR FURTHER TALKS WITH GOA OFFICIALS.BUCHANAN

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